



Under the Page
control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 1 of 1

Complete if Known

Application	09/348,852
Filing Date	July 7, 1999
First Named Inventor	Hiroshi Murakami, et al.
Art Unit	2123
Examiner Name	Ferns III, Fred O.
Attorney Docket Number	22845-041

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials	Cite No. ¹	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number- Kind Code ² (if known)			
JS	1	US- 6,181,991	01-30-2001	Kondo, et al.	
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			

RECEIVED

FEB 10 2003

Technology Center 210

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

[illegible]

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	3/31/03
-----------------------	---	--------------------	---------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

1 Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional) 2 See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. 3 Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). 4 For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. 5 Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. 6 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. **DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO:** Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.